Sixty years of exemplary service on the part of the University of Oklahoma faculty have produced nearly 100,000 alumni, now scattered throughout the world. These alumni represent practically every profession and business in the book. Many have reached a high degree of attainment in their field.

It is for these outstanding alumni and other outstanding Oklahomans that the annual Achievement Day was created this spring. Sponsored jointly by the University and the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, an Achievement Day banquet was held in the Ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on April 27. At this event, five Oklahomans were honored, three of them University alumni.

To more nearly assure unbiased selection, appointments to the seven-man selection committee which chose the honored five were made by three different sources. The University president appointed three. The president of the Association also chose three, and the final appointment was made by the president of the Dads' Association. This committee remains anonymous.

The five citations, presented by President Cross, were signed by the presidents and secretaries of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Association.

Presented to DeGolyer was a citation which read as follows: “The University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Association have conferred this Distinguished Service Citation on Everett Lee DeGolyer in recognition of his contributions to the science of Geology, his pioneering work in introducing geophysics into oil exploration, his diplomatic and scientific services to the nation, and his efforts to preserve the historical and literary heritage of the Southwest.”

All of the citations contained the statement, “Given under the seals of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Association at Norman, Oklahoma, on this first annual Achievement Day, the 27th of April, 1948.”

Monroney’s citation read: “The University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Association have conferred this Distinguished Service Citation on Almer Stillwell (Mike) Monroney in recognition of his profound understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a representative of the people, his courage in the promotion of reforms and the correction of abuses, and his contributions to the science of government through his efforts to effectuate congressional reorganization.”

With the same general introduction, the citation to Lynn Riggs read: “...in recognition of his substantial contribution to the field of creative literature, his vivid embodiment of the daring spirit of the pioneer in all his work, and his dynamic promotion of the state through the distinctive American musical Oklahoma!”

To General McLain went the citation reading: “...in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious military service, his sound planning and indomitable leadership in the highest tradition of the armed forces, and his active interest in civic affairs and community development.”

The citation presented in absentia to General Key read: “...in recognition of his distinguished career of public service, his aggressive leadership and indefatigable energy in promoting civic progress, and his brilliant record as one of Oklahoma’s most (Continued on page 8)
The University's Achievement Day banquet was a happy event, as one can see by these smiles recorded by Sooner photographer Ned Heckman.

1. Mrs. Dot Lemon responds for Lynn Riggs, who was unable to leave New York to receive his award.

2. President Cross (right) congratulates Everette DeGolyer and hands him his citation.

3. "Good goin', Mike," exclaims Ted Beaird to Mike Monroney as he grabs the Oklahoma congressman by the arm. In the background are Kenneth Harris and Lee Thompson.

4. Lloyd Noble, past president of the University Regents, was master of ceremonies.

5. Left to right—President Cross, DeGolyer, General Raymond McLain, Monroney, and Noble. The middle three men were achievement citation recipients.
Distinguished Sooners

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exemplary military leaders.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the Achievement Day occasion was Lloyd Noble, '21, Ardmore, past president of the University Regents. Reverend O. L. Fontaine, '25ba, Oklahoma City, pronounced the invocation, and Hal Muldrow, Jr., '28, president of the University of Oklahoma Association, delivered the address of welcome. Musical entertainment was furnished by the University glee club under the direction of Chester L. Francis.

As a gesture of appreciation to their alma mater, the banquet guests closed the occasion by singing the "Oklahoma Chant."

Cobeans Visit Campus

Easygoing Sam Cobean, '37, cartoonist for the New Yorker and other national magazines and his wife, Anne (Anne McCool, '36ba), last month were back on the campus visiting friends.

R. M. McCool '31, Anne's father, is former city manager of Norman. The McCool residence was telephoned and a conversation was held.

"Sure, I'd be glad to talk to you."

The voice belongs to Anne. Husband Sam is a quiet, rosy-cheeked fellow in a sleeveless shirt and faded old khakis. He drives a sleek, low-slung convertible.

In ten years he has skyrocketed from studying law and journalism at the University through Hollywood and the Army to cartooning for the country's leading publications.

He stretched out on the McCool couch. He'd been working on some ads that had to be in the mail. When he finished them he browsed around the Art School. He hadn't eaten lunch. Would Anne mind making a cheese sandwich? He chatted between munches.

Sam was born in Pennsylvania, but after his parents died he moved to Tulsa, then attended the University of Oklahoma. He served two hitchses in 1936-37 as editor of the Covered Wagon, campus humor magazine. He earned a reputation for packing the sheet with cartoons. He left the University to do some artful pencil pushing through "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" for Walt Disney.

On leaving the Disney studios he worked for Universal and Columbia. Meanwhile, his Sooner classmates, Anne McCool, worked in the offices of Boyd Gaming, '37aw, director of the Extension Division. Then she secretaried her way out to the west coast. Sam and Anne were married.

The McCool clan forms a sizeable alumni "Who's Who." L. M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, joined the naval science faculty in mid-April. A brother of Anne, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic action in 1945. He remains aboard his ship, although he was wounded, so that the ship could be salvaged for further use. He saved his comrades aboard another ship sunk by suicide planes off Okinawa. At the age of 19 he was graduated from the University. He majored in government. In '43 he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy.

His wife, Mrs. R. M. McCool, Jr. (Elaine Lacey '42ba), was graduated in journalism. She edited the 1945 Sooners Magazine.

Anne's older sister is Mrs. John W. Corrigan (Elizabeth McCool '40ba, '55ma). The Corrigans live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Baby" alumni of the McCool family is Mrs. Charles Terry (Frances McCool '46ba). Her husband, Charles Terry, '41, is meteorologist at MacDill Field, Florida.

After Anne and cartoonist Sam were married, he joined the Army and was a private in the Signal Corps, drawing animated training films.

Saturday Evening Post and Collier's began to buy his genial sardonic drawings while Sam was still in the Army. He now does art work for Collier's, Mademoiselle, Living and others, but the New Yorker gets first crack at most of his stuff.

A Cobean-drawn bride picture appears on the June cover of Esquire. Still chewing on his cheese sandwich, Sam said booming Oklahoma is "a fertile breeding ground for new talent."

Even before the Sooners and Boomers came to Norman, the Hefley family was living here, running the section house for the Santa Fe railroad!

In a recent interview with three of the Hefley brothers, all of Norman and all who were students in the first class of the University in 1892, a colorful story evolved of a family living on the scene in the early days of American history.

John T. Hefley, received the B.A. in 1901 and the Doctorate in education in '35. He taught for many years in the state and was a professor of education at the University, J. L. Hefley got his B.A. degree in 1899. He later became a Methodist minister and lived most of his life away from Norman.

Henry M. "Hank" became a farmer and has resided in Norman since 1888. It was Hank who remembered most clearly the first furious days of the little town on the Canadian.

"Well," began Hank, "this is the way the story goes. My father, Jefferson L. Hefley, my mother and eight children came to what was, then, called Norman back in 1888. The name was borrowed from Norman E. Norman, a government surveyor who operated from Fort Arbuckle to Oklahoma City, which had a post office. Simultaneously, the train steamed into the town from Purcell, loaded with more wild, bollering settlers. They jumped from the train before it stopped and raced to the nearest farm or town site and drove a stake. The train began dumping lumber and supplies all over the depot. And was Mr. Hefley standing calmly by all this time? No! He had wanted the gun, then raced to his chosen spot near the tracks, driven his stake, pitched a tent and started digging a cellar. He was tired of working for the railroad and was going into the hotel business.

J. L. Hefley, Jr., rode off to find a farm. He found it and started to settle when up walked a big Sooner and said it was "his." Seems like he had gotten worried and when J. L. found a tent and a fire nearby, he realized the man had jumped the gun. Being a peace-loving man, J. L. dropped the matter.

Movers were everywhere to keep order, but there was a minimum of squabbling. It was first come, first served. Arkansas laws prevailed in the Territory until it became a state. D. L. Larsh and T. R. Waggoner, the first Cleveland County repre-

Biggest change here since his sleepy student days, he said, is "The New York rush between classes. Campus corner is just like Times Square—everybody in a hurry and you wonder where they're all going."

Sam Cobean is cosmoplate, but he's in no hurry. He and Anne alternate between living in their New York City apartment and on their farm at Seneca Lake, New York. Sam does much of his drawing while they are at the farm. "Sparmodic" is the word he uses to describe his work habits. "I work very hard for awhile then I don't work," he says.

He works hard enough to keep the "bank" behind his New York office well supplied with pictures for future use. He also peppers the pages of many magazines with his advertisement cartoons.

On their Seneca Lake farm the Cobeans have two horses, a colt, a dog and two hamsters (Rat-like little creatures minus tails).

It was almost time for the Cobeans to go to a party at the home of a University faculty member. Anne, always polished looking as one of Sam's Exquisite drawings, didn't need to get ready for the party. Sam didn't.

They stepped into the convertible. Sam sat in careless ease behind the steering wheel, cruising around Norman. He didn't know exactly where the party was to be given. But that didn't bother him. Nothing perturbed Sam.

And, eventually, he found the house. At the party the wives congregated around Anne. Suit-clad University artists clustered near Sam. Sam was still wearing his battered satchel and his sleeveless shirt.

But the people didn't notice. They were too interested in the man, Sam. His title on the New York News was "remote editor." He is fond of saying, "Remote editor."

His deeply sullied face beamed good naturedly. "They just call me Sam," he said.

Sam Cobean, '37, and Ann McCool Cobean, '36 ba, relax during a recent visit at the home of Ann's parents, the R. M. McCools of Norman.